

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 13, 2015.

Topic: Meeting with Community Leaders to
Discuss Various Issues of Importance
that Impact America, our Community,
and Future Generations.

Hosted by: Congressman Al Green.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1. Tahir Javid, President, Pakistan Association of Golden Triangle
2. M.J. Khan, President, Islamic Society of Greater Houston
3. Mehmet Okumus, President, Turkish Community
4. Muhammad Sheikh, President, Houston-Karachi Sister City Association
5. Mian Nazir, President, Pakistan Association of Greater Houston
6. Mustafa Carrol, Executive Directory, CAIR USA
7. Shahnela Nasim, President, South Asian Chamber of Commerce
8. Shah Haleem, Chairman, Bangladesh Association of Greater Houston
9. Khalid Khan, Vice-Chair, Bangladesh Association of Greater Houston
10. Murad Ajani, President, His Highness The Agha Khan Council
11. Jamal Entlique, Vice President, Houston-Abhu Dabhi Sister City Association
12. Matloob Khan, President, Shah Latif Cultural Institute
13. Syed Akhtar, President, Pakistan Chamber of Commerce-USA
14. Ilyas Choudry, Islamic Circle of North America
15. Shabbir Hussain, ICNA Houston Chapter
16. Representation from Arab American Community Cultural Center
17. Abuzer Tyabjee, Dawoodi Bora Community
18. Latafat Hussain, Indian Muslim Association of Greater Houston
19. Syed Shahid Sunni, President, Muslim Consul USA
20. Akhtar-Abdullah, Al-Noor Society of Greater Houston
21. Mohammad Jungqua Community Member
22. John Shike WAA TV
23. Saeed B. Gadi, (P.A.S.T.) and Pakistan Post.
24. Mahmud Dahri, Shah Latif Cultural Institute
25. Abdul Sattar Quereshi, PAGH.

MEDIA

1. Shamim Syed, Pakistan News
2. Tariq Khan, Pakistan Chronicle
3. Kamran Jilani, Pakistan Journal and Pakistan Chronicle
4. Mahmood Ahmed, Urdu Times
5. Tariq Hameed, Geo News
6. Zahid Akhtar Khanzada, Geo News and Jang Group.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WALKER) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Bless the Members of the people's House as they work toward the difficult and complicated task of funding our government in a fair and equitable manner. May they negotiate with one another in good faith and trust in a shared love for our Nation.

Bless our Nation and its citizens as we approach the end of 2015. Help us to look to the future with hope, and committed to a renewed effort to work together for a united America.

Help us all to be truly grateful for the blessings of this past year.

And, as always, we pray that all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THANK YOU, GOVERNOR HALEY

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate Governor Nikki Haley of South Carolina for her decision to enforce the law and fine the Department of Energy for failing to process weapons-grade plutonium, which the Department was statutorily mandated by 50 U.S. Code, Section 2566.

While the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility is about 70 percent completed, it will not be able to meet the January 1, 2016, deadline establishing a \$1 million a day fine up to \$100 million annually. This was documented today in the Aiken Standard by SRS beat reporter Derrek Asberry.

While other options have been examined using flawed, biased studies, they are not real alternatives because the MOX process is the only viable, legal option under our nuclear nonproliferation agreement with the Russian Federation. Additionally, it converts weapons-grade plutonium into green fuel, promotes nuclear nonproliferation, and eliminates the need for a repository.

The Department of Energy should commit to complete the MOX project in its entirety, as it promised the people of South Carolina, especially when considering the economic and environmental impact of storing the material.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and may the President by his actions never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 15, 2015.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 15, 2015 at 9:29 a.m.:

That the Senate passed H.R. 2270.

That the Senate passed S. 2044.

Appointment:
United States-China Economic Security Review Commission.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE UNITED STATES HOLO- CAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 2302, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council:

Mr. ISRAEL, New York

Mr. DEUTCH, Florida

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.